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1. GRATEFUL FOR POST WASHINGTON DRAFT SCHEDULE (REF C) WHICH WE HAVE TRANSMITTED TO CHONA AND PROTOCOL. PRESENT ZAMBIAN THINKING IS TO ARRIVE U.S. ON MAY 16 AND OVERNIGHT IN WILLIAMS-BURG AS SUGGESTED IN DRAFT SCHEDULE. TO MEET ENGAGEMENTS IN ZAMBIA, PRESIDENT KAUNDA WOULD DEPART U.S. MAY 22 - TIME OF DEPARTURE NOT YET KNOWN. WE NOT THAT NEW YORK IS NOT MENTIONED IN THE DRAFT SCHEDULE. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO DISCUSS PROS AND CONS OF SUCH A STOP WITH CHONA.

2. WE BELIEVE THE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS FOR PRESIDENT KAUNDA ARE EXCELLENT BUT WOULD LIKE TO OFFER FOLLOWING AS POSSIBILITIES SHOULD TIME PERMIT. KAUNDA ENJOYS MUSIC AND, AS NOTED BY THE DEPARTMENT, IS A MUSICIAN HIMSELF. HIS TASTES TEND TOWARDS THE NON-CLASSICAL, FOLK TYPE MUSIC. IF TIME PERMITTED, HE MIGHT ENJOY THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND A PERFORMANCE BY AN OUTSTANDING FOLK MUSIC GROUP. SOME OTHER THOUGHTS ARE VISITS TO: 1) A FORESTRY OPERATION, 2) AN URBAN RENEWAL SITE (POSSIBLY IN LOS ANGELES OR DETROIT?), AND 3) A COPPER FABRICATION OPERATION.

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3. WITH REFERENCE TO A PROGRAM FOR MRS. KAUNDA, PROTOCOL HAS SUGGESTED THE FOLLOWING: 1) SHOPPING, 2) SIGHT-SEEING, 3) VISITS TO MUSEUMS AND 4) A TEA PARTY. CLOSE FRIEND OF MRS. KAUNDA HAS SUGGESTED TO US THAT HER PROGRAM SHOULD BE WEIGHTED TOWARDS SHOPPING, AND THIS WAS THE FIRST PREFERENCE MENTIONED BY

PROTOCOL. HER SHOPPING IS NOT SO MUCH FOR HERSELF AS FOR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN. ONE POSSIBLE PROBLEM WHICH COULD COME UP MAY BE MRS. KAUNDA'S PREFERENCE FOR SHOPPING AFTER NORMAL CLOSING HOURS. SHE HAS HAD THIS PRIVILEGE IN VISIT TO THE UK AND YUGOSLAVIA. WE BELIEVE A VISIT TO THE MUSEUM OF AFRICAN ART IN WASHINGTON WOULD PLEASE MRS. KAUNDA. A TEA PARTY OFFERED BY A HIGH RANKING AMERICAN OFFICIAL (PERHAPS THE VICE PRESIDENT'S WIFE?) WOULD PLEASE AND FLATTER MRS. KAUNDA. SHE ALSO MIGHT BE TAKEN BY A MEETING WITH A WOMEN'S AFFAIRS GROUP.

4. ONE OF MRS. KAUNDA'S INTIMATES DESCRIBES HER AS OF HIGH NATIVE INTELLIGENCE, POLITICALLY ALERT (IN TERMS OF ZAMBIAN POLITICS), NOT WELL EDUCATED IN TERMS OF BOOK LEARNING, DOWN TO EARTH AND BASICALLY A WIFE AND MOTHER IN HER OUTLOOK. SHE IS THE TYPE WHO, WHEN HER MOTHER WAS STILL ALIVE, WOULD RETURN TO HER VILLAGE TO HELP WITH THE HOEING AND FETCHING OF WATER. WHEN SHE AND HER HUSBAND ARE ABLE TO TAKE A BREAK AND VISIT THEIR PLACE IN THE COUNTRY, SHE COOKS FOR HIM OVER AN OPEN FIRE AS SHE DID IN THE OLD DAYS. SHE RIGIDLY FOLLOWS HER DIABETIC DIET AND GOES HEAVY ON BOTH FISH AND MEAT.

5. INTIMATE OF PRESIDENT AND MRS. KAUNDA CONFIRMS INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REFTEL B ABOUT KAUNDA'S DIETARY PREFERENCES. SHE ADDED THE FOLLOWING: 1) KAUNDA'S DEFINITION OF MEAT TO BE AVOIDED EXTENDS TO CHICKEN; 2) HE LIKES FISH; 3) HIS ORANGE JUICE (OR ANY OTHER JUICES) SHOULD BE FRESH; 4) HE FAVORS
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HONEY AND WATER AS A DRINK (HONEY SHOULD BE AVAILABLE AT THE BREAKFAST TABLE); AND 5) HE LIKES NSHIMA (CORN MEAL PORRIDGE) FOR BREAKFAST. ZAMBIAN EMBASSY CAN ADVISE ON PREPARATION OF NSHIMA. CLINGERMAN

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